

Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts

Lesson #15 "Choosing to Trust God"

- Read Chapter Thirteen and answer the following questions.

Psalms 56:3-4 "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. 4 In God, I will praise His word, In God I have put my trust; I will not fear, what can flesh do to me."

1) If there is no question of God's presence with us, what are we to do to sense His presence?

2) "...trusting God is _____ of all a _____ of the _____, and is _____ dependent on my _____."

3) In order to trust God, what knowledge or truths about God are we to really believe?

Quote: To accept adversity in our lives, "...always it is initiated by an act of the will on our part. We set ourselves to believe in the overruling goodness, providence, and sovereignty of God and refuse to turn aside no matter what may come, no matter how we feel." **Margaret Clarkson**

4) Trusting God is an act of what, and how do we do it?

Hebrews 13:5: "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

5) How was John Newton helped during his wife's long illness?

Psalms 42:11 “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.”

6) What is our responsibility during times of adversity?

7) “We _____ sometimes _____ the _____ of God’s presence and help _____ we _____ lose them.”

Quote: “He may hide Himself from our sense of His presence, but He never allow our adversities to hide us from Him. He may allow us to pass through the deep waters and the fire, but He will be with us in them.”

Isaiah 43:2

8) “Trust is not a _____ state of mind. It is a _____ act of the soul by which we _____ to lay _____ on the _____ of God and _____ to them _____ the adversity that at times seeks to overwhelm us.”

9) What are the three pitfalls to trusting God we must avoid?

10) What is a mark of a mature Christian?

Quote: “In adversity we tend to **doubt** God’s fatherly care, but in prosperity we tend to **forget** it. If we are to trust God, we must acknowledge our dependence upon Him at all times, good times as well as bad times.”

Jerry Bridges

Quote: “We cannot expect God to prosper anything which intrudes itself into His place, and detracts from His honor... [We must] make God the great object of our trust, even though the usual human instrumentality of help may be at hand.” **P. B. Powers**

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.